GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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TELECOM FACILITIES IN SIKKIM
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges, post offices and sub-post offices opened in Sikkim during each of the last two years, district-wise;

(b) the places where new telephone exchanges, post offices and sub-post offices are proposed to be opened during 2001-2002;

(c) the number of proposals under consideration of the Government for setting up of post offices and sub-post offices; and

(d) the time by which these are likely to be approved ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Details are furnished in the Annexure.

(c) At present no proposals are under consideration for opening of Sub-Post Offices.

(d) Three Extra-Departmental Branch Post Offices mentioned against item (b) are likely to be opened if the requisite norms are fulfilled and the post are sanctioned.

ANNEXURE

The number of telephone exchanges and Post offices opened in Sikkim district-wise during the last two years are as follows:

District	No.of Telephone Exchanges opened		No. of Post Offices Opened Depart-mental Offices		Sub-Post Offices		Extra Departmental Offices		Branch Post Offices	
	99-00	00-01	99-00	2000-01	1999-00	2000-01				
Sikkim East	1	-	-	1	2	-				
Sikkim West	-	1	-	-	-	-				
Sikkim North	1	1	-	-	-	-				
Sikkim South	1	2	-	-	-	-				

Places where new telephone exchanges, post offices and sub-post offices are proposed to be opened during 2001-2002.

(i) Telephone Exchanges : New Telephone Exchanges at Makha, Majhitar and Sichey have been planned during the year 2001-2002 in Sikkim East District. Out of the planned telephone exchanges, two at Makha and Majhitar have already been opened.

(ii) Post Offices: Three Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices have been planned at :

(1) Lungsing Ralang under South Sikkim
(2) Uper Khandang under East Sikkim
(3) Meli Aching under West Sikkim.